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Whereas, it is with utmost respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their daily legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who truly embody the concept of "Outstanding Missourian" through their deeds and achievements; and

Whereas, Irivine Edward "Irv" Kilbane of Joplin, Missouri, attained considerable distinction as a family practice physician who retired from the healing arts in 2003 at the age of eighty-seven after a sixty-three-year-long career; and

Whereas, on April 19, 2005, Dr. Irv Kilbane will meet with state legislators in the Missouri House of Representatives to receive well-deserved honors and accolades for the exemplary role he has performed in Missouri as a community leader; and

Whereas, Dr. Irv Kilbane suffered severe injuries as a child when he was struck by a car, a seminal event in his life which sparked his interest in medicine and his decision to become a medical doctor; and

Whereas, a native of Erie, Pennsylvania, Dr. Irv Kilbane prepared for his lifelong endeavors by graduating from the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1940; and

Whereas, after practicing osteopathic medicine in Sarcoxie for several years, Dr. Irv Kilbane moved to Joplin and became involved with Joplin General Hospital as its owner, Jane Chin Hospital as chief of staff, Oak Hill Hospital, the first prenatal clinic in Joplin, an out-patient clinic, well-baby clinics, Head Start clinics, and Golden Gloves in addition to his own clinic in the former carriage house of his home; and

Whereas, Dr. Irv Kilbane delivered more than five thousand babies, received the Heroes with a Heart award in 2003, and was a finalist for the Freeman Quality of Medicine Award:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Dr. Irv Kilbane as an Outstanding Missourian, and to extend to him this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on April 19, 2005, for special recognition as a guest in the House Chamber; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of "Outstanding Missourian" Irv Kilbane, D.O. of Joplin, Missouri.

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2029, adopted April 11, 2005.